

DCI REMARKS AT
DEDICATION OF NEW BUILDING, NSA
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THANK YOU, GENERAL ODOM.

MR. PRESIDENT, MRS. REAGAN, SECRETARY WEINBERGER, MEMBERS
OF CONGRESS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

THIS IMPOSING NEW CONSTRUCTION WE ARE HERE TO CELEBRATE
STANDS AS A SYMBOL OF THE ENORMOUS PROGRESS MADE BY THE NSA IN
BECOMING ONE OF THE CORNERSTONES OF OUR COUNTRY'S NATIONAL
SECURITY. SINCE ITS INCEPTION, NSA HAS PLAYED A VITAL ROLE
PROVIDING DAY-TO-DAY SUPPORT TO OUR MILITARY FORCES AROUND THE
WORLD AND OVER THE YEARS ALSO HAS BECOME A FULL-FLEDGED AND
INCREASINGLY INDISPENSABLE PART OF OUR INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.
TODAY NSA IS A TRULY NATIONAL INSTITUTION WHICH PERFORMS IN
SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT AT LARGE.

WE CAN ALL TAKE PLEASURE AND COMFORT IN THIS NEW BUILDING
AS A SYMBOL OF OUR SUCCESS IN REBUILDING THIS COUNTRY'S
INTELLIGENCE CAPABILITIES. THANKS TO THE SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT
REAGAN AND THE CONGRESS, OUR INTELLIGENCE SYSTEM TODAY IS MORE
ROBUST THAN AT ANY OTHER TIME IN OUR HISTORY. IF I MAY ECHO
GENERAL ODOM, MR. PRESIDENT, YOUR PRESENCE HERE TODAY INDEED
SERVES AS ELOQUENT TESTIMONY TO YOUR UNYIELDING SUPPORT AND
ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THIS ENDEAVOR. WE ALL THANK YOU.

BESIDES DEDICATING A NEW BUILDING, WE ALSO ARE HERE TO SAY
THANK YOU TO THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE NSA -- A UNIQUE AND
PRICELESS MIXTURE OF MILITARY AND CIVILIAN TALENT. FROM THE
PROTECTION OF OUR NATION FROM INCREASINGLY SOPHISTICATED SOVIET
WEAPONS TO OUR FIGHT AGAINST INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM TO THE
PROTECTION OF OUR OWN COMMUNICATIONS, YOU ARE IN THE FOREFRONT
OF OUR NATION'S PURSUIT OF FREEDOM AND NATIONAL SECURITY. YOU
HAVE SERVED YOUR COUNTRY BRILLIANTLY IN A PROFESSION WHERE
SUCCESS CANNOT -- AND MUST NOT -- BE PUBLICLY PARADED. AND
YOUR MANDATE FOR THE FUTURE WILL BE EVEN MORE CHALLENGING. I
KNOW YOU WILL RESPOND IN THE SAME SUPERB FASHION THAT WE HAVE
COME TO EXPECT FROM THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY. THANK YOU.

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